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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YASUI et al

Group Art Unit: 3747

Serial No. 10/695,486

Examiner: Johnny H. Hoang

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For: A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR PREDICTING INTAKE MANIFOLD

PRESSURE OF AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 July 7, 2005

Sir:

The Office Action dated June 23, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

The Office Action of June 23, 2005 was a restriction requirement, requiring election between one of the following two inventions:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-18, 21-29 and 31-39, drawn to a method for predicting intake manifold pressure; and

Invention II, recited in claims 19, 20 and 30, drawn to a method for obtaining a predicted value of a variable, and a predicting apparatus.

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Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-18, 21-29 and 31-39. Applicants therefore respectfully request timely consideration on the merits.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected claims at any point prior to the termination of the proceedings in the subject application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,

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